

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate McKee**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Tuition**
3 **Plan**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the governing board of each public senior higher
5 education institution to establish a certain tuition plan; providing that for
6 certain academic years following initial enrollment, the tuition charged certain
7 students for an academic year may not exceed the amount of tuition the student
8 was charged at the time the student initially enrolled in the public senior higher
9 education institution under certain circumstances; defining certain terms;
10 providing for the applicability of this Act; and generally relating to tuition at
11 public senior higher education institutions.

12 BY renumbering
13 Article - Education
14 Section 15-106.1 and 15-106.2, respectively
15 to be Section 15-106.2 and 15-106.3, respectively
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article - Education
20 Section 15-106.1
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-106.1 and 15-106.2, respectively, of Article -
25 Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
26 15-106.2 and 15-106.3, respectively.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
28 read as follows:

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Article - Education

2 15-106.1.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
4 INDICATED.

5 (2) "STUDENT" MEANS A RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT A
6 PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

7 (3) "TUITION" MEANS THE CHARGES IMPOSED BY A PUBLIC SENIOR
8 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE INSTITUTION.

9 (B) THE GOVERNING BOARD OF EACH PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION
10 INSTITUTION SHALL ESTABLISH A TUITION PLAN THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS
11 OF SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (C) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, FOR 4 CONTINUOUS
13 ACADEMIC YEARS FOLLOWING INITIAL ENROLLMENT, THE TUITION CHARGED A
14 STUDENT FOR AN ACADEMIC YEAR MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF TUITION THE
15 STUDENT WAS CHARGED AT THE TIME THE STUDENT INITIALLY ENROLLED IN THE
16 PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION.

17 (D) (1) IF A STUDENT IS ENROLLED IN A DEGREE PROGRAM THAT THE
18 PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION HAS DETERMINED REQUIRES
19 MORE THAN 4 YEARS TO COMPLETE, THE TUITION CHARGED THE STUDENT FOR
20 THEIR FIFTH ACADEMIC YEAR MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF TUITION THE
21 STUDENT WAS CHARGED AT THE TIME THE STUDENT INITIALLY ENROLLED.

22 (2) IF A STUDENT CHANGES DEGREE PROGRAMS DURING THE
23 STUDENT'S ACADEMIC CAREER, THE TUITION CHARGED THE STUDENT SHALL EQUAL
24 THE AMOUNT THE STUDENT WOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED HAD THE STUDENT BEEN
25 ADMITTED TO THE CHANGED DEGREE PROGRAM WHEN THE STUDENT INITIALLY
26 ENROLLED.

27 (3) IF A STUDENT TRANSFERS TO A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION
28 INSTITUTION, THE TUITION CHARGED THE STUDENT SHALL EQUAL THE AMOUNT
29 THE STUDENT WOULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED HAD THE STUDENT INITIALLY
30 ENROLLED WITH THE STUDENTS IN THEIR ACADEMIC YEAR.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
32 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
33 any effect on or application to students who enrolled at a public senior higher
34 education institution before the effective date of this Act.

35 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
36 June 1, 2004.